Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 MOSCOW 13252 171306Z

45
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SCA-01 CPR-01 SAJ-01 CIAE-00 DODE-00

PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01

SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 /062 W
---------- 003764
R 170854Z SEP 75
FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4540
INFO AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MOSOCW 13252

E.O. 11652 N/A
TAGS: PINS, PFOR, UR, US
SUBJECT: SOVIET TRAVEL CONTROLS

REFS: A. EUR/SOV TRAVEL CONTROL MEMORANDUM, AUGUST 28, 1975.
B. EUR/SOV MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION, JULY 31, 1975.
C. MOSCOW 12676

1. A DETAILED PERUSAL OF EMBASSY TRAVEL FILES HAS TURNED UP A TOTAL OF FIVE (5) REQUESTS FOR CLOSED-AREA EXCEPTION FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1,1974 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 16, 1975 -- A SOMEWHAT MORE MODEST NUMBER THAN KRUGLOV'S ASSERTION IN REF A. FOUR (4) CLOSED-REA EXCEPTION REQUESTS INVOLVING TEN EMBOFFS WERE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO VLADIVOSTOK AND WERE THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS GRANTED. THE FIFTH REQUEST BY EMBOFF FOURIER FOR A TRIP FROM VLADIVOSTOK, TO CHELYABINSK AND MIASS ON CONSULAR BUSINESS WAS DENIED.

2. FOR THE SAME PERIOD THE EMBASSY REQUESTED 25 EXCEPTIONS TO THE 24-HOUR PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF TRAVEL RULE WITH NO REFUSALS, AND 21 EXCEPTIONS TO THE 48-HOUR PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF TRAVEL RULE WITH FOUR REFUSALS

3. OPEN CITIES CLOSED FOR "REASONS OF A TEMPORARY NATURE" THUS
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 MOSCOW 13252 171306Z

FAR IN CY 75 (INCLUDING DAO REQUESTS) ARE: VOLOGDA - 5 REFUSALS;

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006

MARY 2; ASTRAKHAN 1; ULAN-UDE 1; BRYANSK 1; GOMEL' 1; VITEBSK 1; KALUGA 1; PLANERNAYA 1; CHERNOVTSY 1; VINNITSA 1; TBILISI 2; MINSK 1. EMBASSY TURNDOWNS (EXCLUDING DAO) THUS FAR IN CY 75 NUMBER 6: VOLOGDA 1; MARY 1; CHERNOVTSY 1; VINNITSA 1; TBILISI 1; MINSK 1. OPEN CITIES DENIED ACCESS IN CY 74 (EXCLUDING DAO) ARE VLADIMIR-SUZDAL' - 4 DENIALS; ALEKSANDROV 1; YUR'YEV-POL'SKIY 1; MELIKHOVO 1; CHEKHOV1; NIZHNEVARTOVSK 1; KHANTY-MANSIYSK 1; SURGUT 1; TYUMEN; 1; KHABAROVSK 2; NAKHODKA 1; SAMARKAND 1; BUKHARA 1; DUSHANBE 1; UFA 1; FOR A TOTAL OF 19 TURNDOWNS.

4. THE DECREASE IN DIRECT TRAVEL REFUSALS FROM CY 74 TO CY 75 IN EMBASSY'S VIEW IS DUE LESS TOA MORE LIBERAL SOVIET TRAVEL POLICY THAN TO AN EFFORT TO USE MORE INDIRECT MEANS, SUCH AS ALTERATION OF REQUESTED MEANS OF TRAVEL AND "UNAVAILABILITY" OF HOTEL ROOMS (SEE REFTEL C),AND THUS AVOID RECIPROCAL RETALIATION IN WASHINGTON. THE EMBASSY INTENDS TO KEEP THE DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF THE FREQUENCY AND NATURE OF SUCH INDIRECT TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS.

5. ABOVE INFORMATION MAY ASSIST DEPARTMENT IN DEALINGS WITH THE SOVIET EMBASSY CONCERNING TRAVEL CONTROLS AND RECIPROCITY. PLEASE ADVISE IF THERE IS ANY FOLLOW-UP ON QUESTION OF RELAXATION OF EXISTING RECIPROCAL TRAVEL CONTROLS MENTIONED IN REF B.
MATLOCK

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL, TRAVEL CONTROLS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 17 SEP 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ElyME
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975MOSCOW13252
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750322-0269
From: MOSCOW
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750944/aaaabmoy.tel
Line Count: 85
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ElyME
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 11 JUN 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <11 JUN 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <24 OCT 2003 by ElyME>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SOVIET TRAVEL CONTROLS
TAGS: PINS, PFOR, UR, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006